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**Fort Polk celebrates Black History Month**

Fort Polk, LA- The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk will celebrate Black History Month throughout February.

Festivities begin February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., with an opening ceremony at the Showboat Theater. Col. Patrick G. Landry, Commander, Warrior Brigade, will be the guest speaker and the Vernon Middle School choir will perform. African-American art will be on display as well as books by African-American authors. The Allen Library will host a book reading and essay contest at 1:30 p.m.

A golf tournament is scheduled February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Warrior Hill Golf Course. Registration is \$30 for a two-person scramble with proceeds going to a scholarship fund. Call 531-7100 for more information or to register.

The Warrior Brigade Dining Facility will offer soul food on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. followed by The Fort Polk Soldier Show at the Bayou Theater at 6 p.m. The show is open and free to the community. Performers are still needed to sing, act, dance, or read poetry. All ages are welcome to participate. Call 531-7612 to volunteer.

An African-American art exhibit will be on display February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the Family Readiness Center, bldg 924, here. Anyone interested in displaying their African-American art at the exhibit can call 531-9607 for details.

A Black History Month basketball tournament for soldiers will take place February 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Warrior Brigade Gym. Each team will consist of 10 people. Those interested in participating must sign up by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Call 531-1898/1899 for more information.

Other events include a youth basketball tournament February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Warrior Brigade Gym; a Heritage Ball at the Warrior Club, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; and a gospel fest at the Main Post Chapel, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

For more information about Black History Month events around Fort Polk call 531-9607.

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